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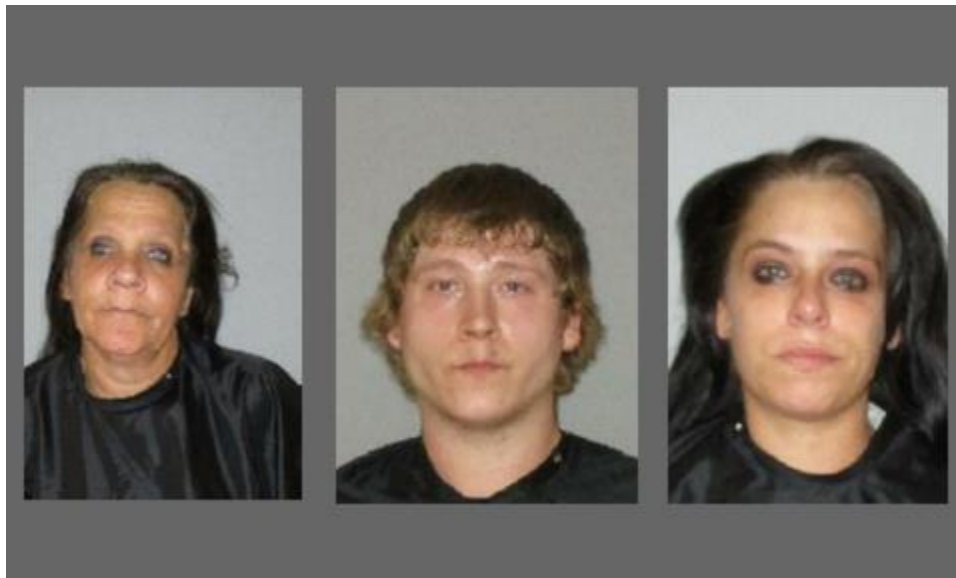
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FCSO Arrests Three Suspects for Multiple Counts of Child Neglect

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) arrested Lynn Marie Kulka, Michael Alan Choate, and Rene Elizabeth Marchetta after warrants were issued for their arrest on 3 counts of child neglect.



(Pictured Above: Lynn Kulka, Michael Choate, and Rene Marchetta)

The arrests came after a two-week investigation into the welfare of three children, ages 4, 1, and 4-months, all living inside the residence on Brelyn Place. FCSO initially responded to the residence on July 3rd to assist the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) who were investigating the welfare of the children after a four-month-old child living at the address was brought to Florida Hospital Flagler with multiple insect bites and bone fractures.

The investigation revealed all three children inside the residence were living in deplorable conditions. The home was infested with bugs, so severely that hundreds of cockroaches were seen crawling on the

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floors, walls, ceilings, cabinets, and on all of the furniture including the children's mattresses, playpens, and bassinet. All three children in the home were covered in multiple bug bites.

The investigation further discovered that the home had no working air conditioning. When questioned Kulka said she had chosen not to address the air conditioning issue because she did not want the landlord to discover the living conditions inside of the home.

"This is a traumatic situation for all of the children involved," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "The children who were living in this house were subjected to deplorable living conditions. I'm very proud of the hard work our investigators did to put this case together and thankful that the children are now safe from these three individuals who obviously don't know how to be parents or properly care for children."

Lynn Marie Kulka, Michael Alan Choate, and Rene Elizabeth Marchetta were booked into the Flagler County Detention Facility Friday evening with a \$5,000 bond per charge totaling \$15,000 bond per individual. This is an active investigation and additional charges may still be pending.

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